

## TAFT SAILS TODAY TO EXAMINE DITCH

With Army Men Will Take  
Cruiser Columbia.

### WANTS TO KNOW CANAL LIFE

Check in Work, Feeding Problem, and  
Clerks' Dissatisfaction Will Come  
Under His Eye.

In order to discuss intelligently, in his annual report to Congress, the affairs of the Panama Canal Commission, Secretary of War Taft will start this evening for a week's visit on the isthmus.

He will proceed by steamer to Hampton Roads, where, tomorrow morning, he will board the cruiser Columbia, for Colon. He will be accompanied by Col. Clarence Edwards, chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, and the following members of the board of fortifications: Major General Storey, retired; Col. William Black, corps of engineers, and Major Goethals, artillery corps.

The Secretary made his first trip to the isthmus just a year ago. The result of it was a general shaking up and reorganization of the isthmian administration and the allaying of the animosity of the people of Panama toward the canal officials.

#### Will Ask Why.

He has several objects in view this time. He wants to be able to present to the American people the real reasons why dirt has not been made to fly in the last year. The work of construction has been practically suspended.

The canal commission claims that this was necessary to make the canal zone sanitary, and to provide adequate housing and commissary facilities for the army of workmen to be employed later. Nearly all the force now on the isthmus is engaged in repairing the old buildings put up by the French, and in constructing new quarters.

#### Look Into Feeding Problem.

The Secretary will also look into the feeding problem and determine whether or not the commission was wise in assuming this burden instead of turning it over to private contractors.

The military men with Mr. Taft will look into the matter of fortifications at Colon and Panama. As part of their studies, it is expected that a comprehensive plan of defense for the canal will be presented to Congress at the coming session.

#### To Probe Dissatisfaction.

Secretary Taft will make an inspection of the whole route, the buildings, machinery, and all, and will inquire particularly of the condition of the clerks, to substantiate or prove false the tales of dissatisfaction.

## WALLACE SAYS RED TAPE BLOCKS PANAMA CANAL

Former Chief Engineer Intimates  
Strongly That His Resignation Was  
Caused by Dilatory Methods.

Red tape at Washington blocked his efforts toward the construction of the Panama canal, and was the direct cause of his resignation, intimates John Findlay Wallace, former chief engineer of the canal commission.

The intimation, which is so strong as to have all the effect of positive statement, is made in an article which appears in the current number of the Engineering Magazine, which was written by Mr. Wallace. His views on this subject were outlined in an article in The Times, which was printed a month ago. He says:

"The experience of the past year will have been wasted unless the controlling authorities at Washington are able to break away from the moss-covered traditions of governmental control, applying ordinary and common sense methods to the accomplishment of the work, and Congress shall enact legislation enabling this to be done. The so-called 'free hand'—with the rest of the body and limbs tightly bound with red tape—can perform but limited functions. Governmental methods which require from ten to twelve years to complete a structure such as the Federal building in Chicago—which, under private individual ownership and control, could have been erected in the space of a single year, at most, two—cannot be applied to the construction of the Panama canal with satisfactory results, if the present generation is to derive benefit from its accomplishment, and at reasonable cost."

"The efforts of the commission at Washington were evidently so hampered by the legal requirements controlling the purchase of supplies and the disbursement of Government funds, that—regardless of the individual ability or inclination of the separate members—results seemed impossible of accomplishment. The difficulty of the way of securing material and labor promptly prevented the installation of any American steam-shovels before the latter part of 1904, so that it was not until January, 1905, that an appreciable advantage was derived from their introduction."

## ENCOURAGING INCREASE DISPLAYED BY RAILROADS

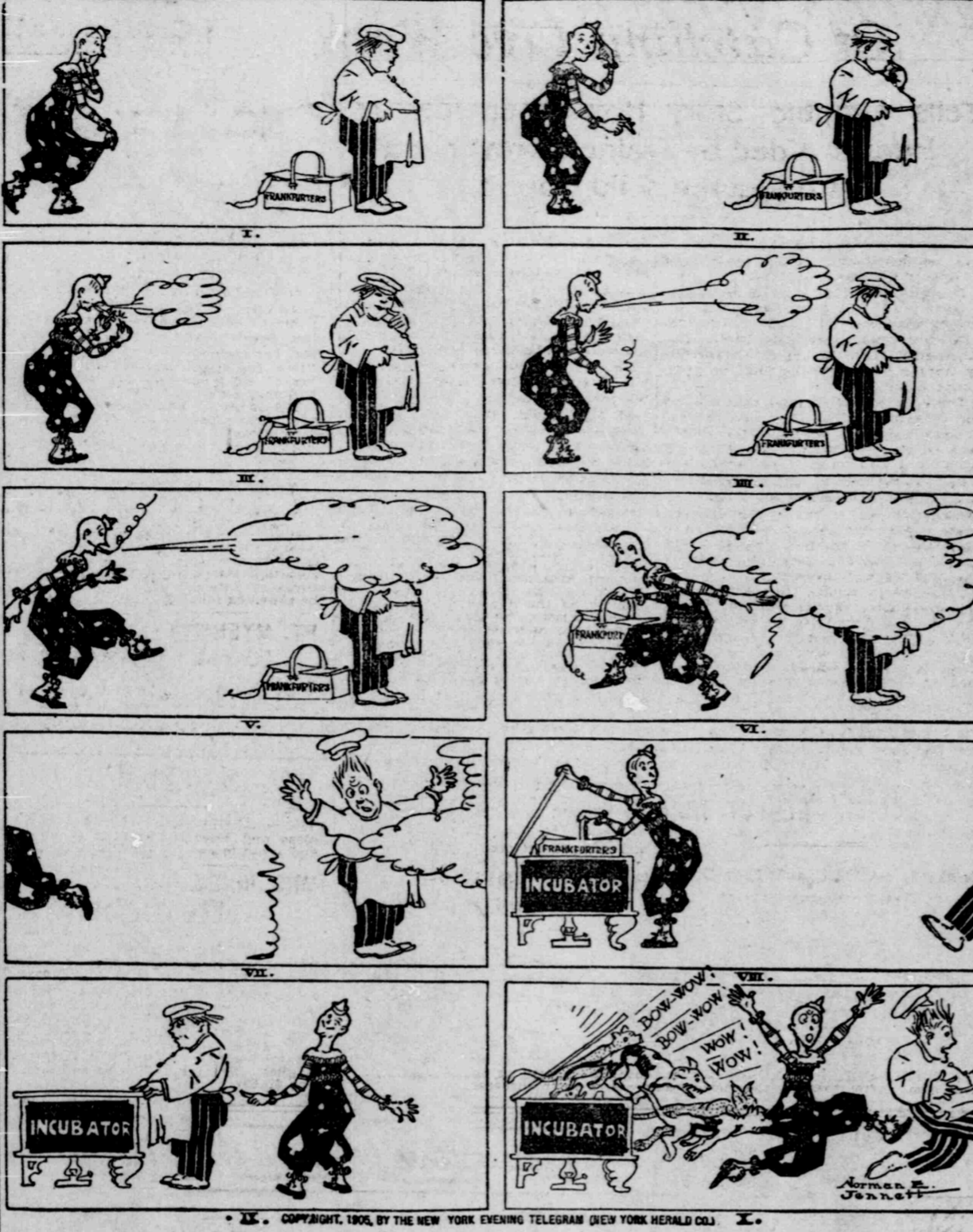
They Are Employing Nine Per Cent  
More of Employees Over the Last  
Fiscal Year.

No more striking evidence has recently been observed of the growing prosperity of the country than is given in a joint compilation of annual reports of railroad companies, just issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

This shows an increase of 9 per cent in the number of men employed by the railroads in the year ended June 1, 1905, over the preceding year.

The commission has also issued a bulletin showing the number of railroad accidents in the United States for April, May, and June, 1905. There were 41 passengers and 221 employees killed, 1,253 passengers and 1,511 employees injured. The record for the entire year shows that there was an increase of 11 killed and 4,123 injured over last year. The increase in the number of persons killed was wholly among passengers.

## MONKEY SHINES OF MARSELEEN



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## DISTRICT SAVES MONEY ON SEWER CONDEMNATION

Reassessment on Land for Drain Near  
Insane Hospital Likely to  
Please All.

A reassessment of the value of the land condemned for use as an out-fall sewer, near the Government Hospital for the Insane, has resulted in a saving of more than \$10,000 for the District.

Besides the value of the land to be taken, the cost of the right of way through the property of several owners is included in the report submitted by the appraisers appointed by the District Supreme Court.

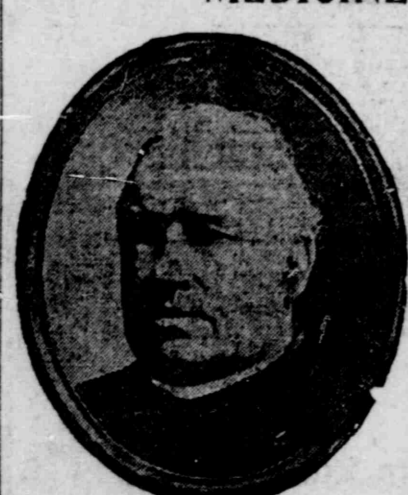
It was the second time the value of the interests involved had been estimated by a commission of condemnation. The findings of the first commission were objected to, both by property owners and the District.

The verdict was set aside by the court, and John E. Herrell, Thomas F. Stephenson, Charles G. Scott, James F. Oyster, Nicholas H. Shea, and William S. Knox named new appraisers of the damages and benefits to property owners.

The award of damages reported by the appraisers is as follows: United States Realty Company, \$34,800; Isadore T. Young, \$19,200; Henrietta Brent Heiskell, \$1,800; E. Ewing, and Joseph N. Young, \$2,800; Henrietta Brent Heiskell, \$1,800; George J. Seufferle, \$1,718.40; Alfred T. Grimes, \$2,106.50.

The report of the commission is expected to be accepted by all interested and confirmed by the court.

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## PLAN BROAD CAMPAIGN AGAINST "WHITE PLAGUE"

Associated Charities Appeal for Money  
to Make Comprehensive Fight  
on Consumption.


The campaign against the great white plague by the District Associated Charities is taking on new vigor.

The committee on the prevention of consumption and the improvement of

housing conditions of the charity organization has prepared a circular letter which will be scattered in a house to house distribution.

The Associated Charities wish to point out the necessity of improving the sanitary conditions in the homes and to arouse interest in the collection of subscriptions which will pay the expenses of the committee in prosecuting a campaign to check the spread of the disease.

The campaign includes lectures in churches, clubs, and elsewhere; circulars to institutions and houses where consumption is found, a dispensary, a sanitarium, tables of unsanitary alleys, tenements, and houses, and appeals to Congress for a special commission on housing and health conditions in the District suggested by President Roosevelt.



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## CLEVELAND LETTER SENDS MERCURY UP

Former President Adds to  
Heat of Gotham Campaign.

### G. O. P. TO PUT UP JEROME

Call Convention to Try to Get His  
Name on Republican  
Ticket.

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—The feature of the political situation in this city today, and one that is being discussed generally, is the letter of former President Grover Cleveland to Mayor McClellan, in which he warned voters against the "rank hysteria" manifested in some quarters.

He also spoke of the advantage which was being taken of the unusually aroused prejudices for demagogic manipulation to mislead the public, and pointed out dangers which Mayor McClellan's course was calculated to avert.

#### Convention for Jerome.

An important step was taken by the Republican executive committee today. They issued a call for the county convention to meet in the Murray Hill Lyceum tonight and nominate Jerome for district attorney in place of Judge Charles A. Flammer, the Republican nominee, who withdrew from the ticket on Wednesday.

This action will be taken in apparent defiance of the provisions of the election law, which state that vacancies on the ticket must be filled not later than October 23. It is expected by the Republican leaders that the board of elections will refuse to accept the certificate nominating Jerome. They intend to appeal to the courts and to obtain a mandamus compelling the board to place Jerome's name in the Republican column.

The ballots will not be prepared until November 1. The placing of Jerome's name upon the Republican ticket will, it is believed, materially benefit his chances for election.

#### Candidates Busy.

All candidates for mayor, also Jerome, made a number of addresses last night. Mayor McClellan spoke on the East Side of this city, and then made a dash through Brooklyn. Hearst was also in Brooklyn, where he made four speeches, after addressing a large gathering on the East Side, crossed the bridge and spoke four times in Kings county.

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here. Basement  
floor—per ele-  
vator or stair-  
way.

### Illustrated Articles

75c Food Chopper, as illustrated in  
top left-hand corner. For tomor-  
row 48c  
50c Gas Heating Stove, simple  
and effective. For tomorrow 39c  
1.50 Oyster Fryer, of heavy iron,  
with basket. For tomorrow 19c  
6c Table Tumblers, wafer  
weight, assorted engravings. For  
tomorrow 4c  
1.50 Gas Lamp—stamped, chim-  
ney, shade, and six feet of tub-  
ing. All for 98c  
25c Parlor Brooms, made of best  
green corn. For tomorrow 15c  
15c Fruit Bowl, cut glass ef-  
fect. For tomorrow 10c  
10c China Cups and Saucers,  
decorated in assorted color. For  
tomorrow 7c  
50c Ash Sifter, with cover. Fits  
any size barrel or can. For tomor-  
row 49c  
98c Combination Chair and Step-  
ladder, strongly made. For tomor-  
row 89c  
1.48 Curtain Stretcher, the best  
made, 6 by 12 feet. For tomorrow 98c  
1.69 Gas Radiator, with four  
tubes, aluminum finished. For 1.48  
tomorrow  
1.25 Gas Stove, with improved  
"Star" burner. For tomorrow 98c

### Not Illustrated

But Best of Bargains

12c Syrup Cans, with metal cov-  
er, large size. For tomorrow 7c  
7c Pickle Dishes, assorted shapes  
and patterns. For tomorrow 5c  
50c Punch Bowls, new cut glass  
patterns. For tomorrow 39c  
5c Wine Glasses, first quality  
new shape. For tomorrow 3c  
25c Water Pitchers, cut glass  
patterns; 1/2-gal. size. For tomor-  
row 15c  
15c Water Bottles, quart size;  
new shape. For tomorrow 10c  
15c Flower Vases, cut glass,  
high and low. For tomorrow 10c  
80c Water Sets, pitcher, six  
glasses and fancy tray. For to-  
morrow 69c  
15c English China Plates, gold  
decorations. For tomorrow 10c  
75c Carlsbad China Celery trays,  
handsomely decorated. For tomor-  
row 48c  
1.25 Cracker Jars, new shape,  
decorated artistically. For tomor-  
row 98c  
15c Earthen Cuspidors, glazed in  
assorted colors. For tomorrow 10c  
25c Fruit Bowls, decorated with  
assorted flowers. For tomorrow 17c  
98c Ironing Tables, 5 ft.; strong-  
ly made. For tomorrow 79c  
15c Wooden Bread Boards, hard-  
wood. For tomorrow 10c  
25c Patent Mop Handles, with  
large cotton mop. For tomorrow 15c  
30c Clothes Baskets, full size;  
strongly made. For tomorrow 25c  
1.48 Square Willow Hampers  
with wicker bottom, strongly  
made. For tomorrow 98c  
15c Clothes Dryers, to screw on  
wall. For tomorrow 10c  
50c Wash Benches to fold up.  
For tomorrow 35c  
25c Imported Salt Boxes. For  
tomorrow 19c  
Clothes Pins, hardwood. For  
tomorrow 3c  
75c Soap Stone Griddles, always  
ready. For tomorrow 59c  
80c Mrs. Pott's Sad Irons, three  
in set, with handle and stand. For  
tomorrow 69c  
35c Galvanized Iron Garbage  
Pails, with cover; 12 qts. For to-  
morrow 19c  
1.25 Oval Wash Boilers, with  
copper bottom. Size 1, 2, and 3.  
For tomorrow 79c  
50c Bread Raisers, with cover, 10  
quarts, stamped in one piece. For  
tomorrow 29c  
15c Sugar Boxes, with hinged  
cover. For tomorrow 9c  
6c Square Bread Pans, three  
sizes. For tomorrow 4c  
50c Galvanized Iron Wash Tubs;  
full size. For tomorrow 37c  
15c Roasting Pans, heavy iron,  
assorted sizes. For tomorrow 9c

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## What Would Have Been Your Decision in the Kenilworth Poolroom Case?

The jury in the Kenilworth poolroom case declared the defendant "not  
guilty."

Judge Merrick, presiding, expressed his amazement at the outcome of  
the trial, and said to the defendant: "The verdict of the jury does not mean  
that you are not guilty in the eyes of the court."

Later he scored the jury on its decision.

The jurors have replied indignantly to his strictures, and declare that  
they could not convict on the testimony submitted.

The Sunday Times takes no side in the controversy, which has become  
acute, but has secured all the testimony and will present it in full to its readers.

With this testimony placed before you for your consideration, judge for  
yourself if you would have acquitted the defendant.

**All the Testimony in  
NEXT SUNDAY'S TIMES**